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Myron Levin
Los Angeles Times
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Dear Mr. Levin:

Enclosed for your information are copies of our most recent correspondence with Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corporation and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in regard to the Atlas and Coalinga Asbestos sites. The Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Workplan is being forwarded to you under separate cover. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michela S. Dermer
Remedial Project Manager

Enclosure

cc: Terry Wilson, OEA
Jon Wactor, ORC

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Ed Hastey
 State Director
 Bureau of Land Management
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In reply
 Refer to: T-4-3
 Atlas/Coalinga

Dear Mr. Hastey:

We have enclosed for your review and comment a copy of the revised RI/FS workplan. Although, we have initiated air sampling activities at the sites in order to collect samples during the dry summer conditions, we expect to begin soil sampling activities in the next few months.

As you know, it has been many months since our agencies have met to discuss the Superfund remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) of the Atlas and Coalinga Asbestos sites. Since that time, there have been significant delays in the RI/FS and changes in its scope.

We welcome any comments you may have on the work plan. Please submit any comments in writing by July 31, 1986. If you have any questions regarding this matter or would like to meet with us to discuss your comments please contact me at (415) 974-7518.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Jerry Clifford
 Chief
 Federal Response Section

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cc: David Howell, BLM-Hollister w/ enclosure

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Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corporation

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July 18, 1986

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Jerry Clifford
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Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. Clifford:

Re: Coalinga Asbestos Facility (T-4-3)

On July 14, 1986, Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corporation ("SFPRC") met with you, Don Harvey, and Jon Wactor. This meeting was in response to Mr. Seraydarian's letter of June 26, 1986, asking whether Southern Pacific Land Company (SPLCo) wished to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") for the Coalinga Asbestos Mine and milling facilities on its property in Fresno County, California. Due to a corporate merger, Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corporation (SFPRC) now acts as agent for SPLCo. SPLCo is, however, still the legal owner of the property. The Coalinga Asbestos Company mill trailings pile is on SPLCo property. The "Coalinga Asbestos Mine" is on Federal property and we take no responsibility for that mine. We will, of course, address the Railroad Mine which is on our property.

As we discussed at the meeting, SFPRC intends to conduct a RI/FS for the mill site. As requested in the June 26, 1986 letter, the RI/FS will be consistent with the National Contingency Plan and with applicable EPA policy.

Much of the RI/FS work has already been completed. At the meeting we discussed with you several engineering drawings indicating the scope and nature of the work that has been done. SFPRC's consultants, Levine*Fricke, Inc., are now preparing a RI/FS addressing the concerns EPA raised in its comments on previous proposals as well as at the July 14, 1986 meeting.

SFPRC plans to submit data and design engineering calculations to you as soon as possible so that your staff can begin reviewing this information. We intend to work closely with your staff in preparing the RI/FS and look forward to receiving comments and suggestions. SFPRC intends to submit

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the completed RI/FS to you in approximately six weeks. Upon EPA approval, SFPRC will implement the remedial action program recommended by the RI/FS. As was emphasized at the meeting, SFPRC is anxious to expedite the administrative review process, so that it can complete site remediation this year.

We appreciated meeting with you. The meeting was very productive and helpful. We look forward to working with you in completing the RI/FS and site remediation. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (415) 974-4503 or Jim Levine of Levine*Fricke at (415) 652-4500.

Very truly yours,



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Vice President
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Mr. O.G. Linde
President
Southern Pacific Land Company
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In Reply Refer to: T-4-3
Facility: Coalinga Asbestos

Dear Mr. Linde:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been informed that releases of hazardous substances have occurred at the Coalinga Asbestos Mine and milling facilities in Fresno County, California. As a result, EPA intends to spend public funds to further investigate and control these releases unless EPA determines that such action will be done properly by a responsible party. EPA is taking this action pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. (CERCLA).

EPA has determined that Southern Pacific Land Company owns the facility at which hazardous substances have been released or disposed and as such is a potentially responsible party. EPA has further determined that actual and threatened releases of hazardous substances from the facility may present an imminent and substantial danger to the public health or welfare or the environment. Consequently, EPA will require completion of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) as described in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 C.F.R. Part 300, to address the problem associated in whole or in part with this facility. The objectives of the Remedial Investigation are to determine the magnitude of asbestos contamination released to the environment from the Coalinga facility and the resultant public health risk associated with that release. This information will be used to prepare a Feasibility Study to evaluate and recommend remedial action alternatives, and prepare conceptual designs for the recommended alternative.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include current and past facility owners and operators, persons who generated hazardous substances, and persons who transported, treated, or disposed of hazardous substances. Under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), and other laws, responsible parties may be liable for costs incurred by the government to take necessary corrective action, including, but not limited to, investigation, planning,

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cleanup, and enforcement. Pursuant to CERCLA, this letter notifies Southern Pacific Land Company of its potential liability with respect to this matter. EPA encourages Southern Pacific, as a potentially responsible party, to undertake a Remedial Investigation and a Feasibility Study.

If Southern Pacific desires to conduct an RI/FS, either separately or jointly with other potentially responsible parties, you should notify EPA in writing by certified mail, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this letter. Otherwise, EPA will assume that your company declines any involvement in site activities and we will proceed with the appropriate actions and studies needed to fully characterize the site. EPA may later request or require that your company design and implement the final remedy. The RI/FS must be consistent with the NCP and EPA policy and must fully address the environmental problems associated with the release or releases of hazardous substances at this facility, including contamination beyond facility boundaries.

If you would like to meet to discuss this matter or have any questions please contact Donald Harvey of my staff at (415) 974-8388 or Jon Wactor, Asst. Regional Counsel, at (415) 974-8042 within one week of your receipt of this notice.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Harry Seraydarian

Director

Toxics and Waste Management Division

cc: Department of Health Services
Central Valley Regional Water
Quality Control Board

bc: Jon Wactor, ORC